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SUBJECT: IRINA MCCLELLAN PLANS VIGIL AT US EMBASSY DURING  
SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. US JOURNALIST HAS SHOWN EMBOFF (BUT WOULD NOT RELINQUISH) COPY OF LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE FROM IRINA MCCLELLAN IN WHICH SHE STATES INTENTION TO BEGIN VIGIL OUTSIDE US EMBASSY AT NOON THURSDAY, APRIL 20. MRS. MCCLELLAN, WIFE OF U.S. CITIZEN WOODFORD MCCLELLAN, HAS BEEN REFUSED EXIT PERMISSION TO JOIN HUSBAND SINCE DATE OF MARRIAGE, APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO. IN LETTER TO SECRETARY, MRS. MCCLELLAN REVIEWS HER CASE AND REQUESTS SECRETARY'S PERSONAL INTERCESSION ON HER BEHALF.

2. MRS. MCCLELLAN IS REPORTEDLY IN HIDING AND HOPES THEREFORE TO BE ABLE TO GET TO EMBASSY TO BEGIN VIGIL WITHOUT BEING PICKED UP BY KGB. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO APPROACH EMBASSY, SINCE SHE IS WELL KNOWN TO KGB, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WILL HAVE AREA IN VICINITY OF EMBASSY UNDER PARTICULARLY CLOSE SURVEILLANCE DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST,  
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HOWEVER, OF UGLY CONFRONTATION NEAR EMBASSY DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT, WITH MRS. MCCLELLAN BEING DRAGGED AWAY BY KGB UNDER EYES AND POSSIBLY CAMERAS OF WESTERN PRESS.

3. WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE IF SUCH AN EVENT OCCURS:

-- WE ARE WELL AWARE OF MRS. MCCLELLAN'S CASE AND HAVE ON  
NUMEROUS OCCASIONS REQUESTED -- AT A HIGH LEVEL -- THE  
SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO GRANT HER EXIT PERMISSION.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST HER.

-- IT IS CLEARLY THE CONTINUING REFUSAL OF THE SOVIET  
AUTHORITIES TO GRANT HER EXIT PERMISSION WHICH LED TO HER  
ATTEMPT TO EXPRESS HER VIEWS PEACEFULLY IN FRONT OF THE  
US EMBASSY. WE DEEPLY REGRET THE FORCIBLE ACTIONS TAKEN  
AGAINST MRS. MCCLELLAN.

4. IF DEMONSTRATION DOES NOT OCCUR, BUT EMBASSY IS NEVER-  
THELESS ASKED ABOUT CASE, WE WOULD PLAN TO USE ONLY FIRST  
TWO POINTS OF ABOVE GUIDANCE. TOON

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